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Parish News

for the Week of Sunday August 7, 2022

Worship Bulletin

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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A note from Pastor Jenni

As I preached about this past Sunday, there have been a number of interesting and compelling statements and conversations from General Convention and the Lambeth Conference.

At General Convention, a resolution was passed to expand the definition of the Book of Common Prayer. There was a great deal of conversation both at General Convention and on social media. The substance of the resolution asks the larger church to consider what defines a "book" and how revisions or expansions are worked out. Many of the conversations on social media questioned the necessity of revising the current authorized Prayer Book or questioned why the current Prayer Book wasn't being revised with more urgency. Many of the discussions around the Book of Common Prayer is that it contains the bulk of our church's teachings and theology - it is a foundational and formational document and therefore is changed with great reverence. Both the House of Deputies and House of Bishops approached the work of the Prayer Book with the authority of that reverence. To read about the work, click [here](#).

There have been some questions for Deacon Anne and I about what this all means. The challenge of change is, quite honestly, a challenge and we are both ready to engage with you in the discernment around those questions.

Additionally, there are conversations around human sexuality at the Lambeth Conference, which is the once-a-decade meeting of the bishops of the Anglican Communion (that is bishops who are in communion with the Archbishop of Canterbury). Again, as I preached on Sunday, there are difference of opinions between the bishops and some instances of uncharitable behaviors. A number of bishops affirmed the continued commitment to "respecting the dignity of all human beings" and have signed a statement of inclusivity. A link to the statement is [here](#).

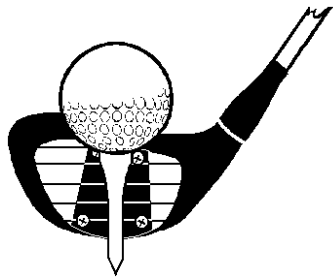
In light of these important and, again challenging, discernments and conversations, please indulge this from me: The Gospel of Jesus Christ as I understand it pushes us toward the transformed place of deep charity. A place where all are embraced in the loving arms of God and there is no room for our disparity. Our need, in that Gospel, is for each person to feast at the banquet table. Given the evidence of General Convention and Lambeth conversations, we have work to do. Where does that work begin or where does it have the most efficacy? I believe the answer to that is right here, in the midst of us here. This year we will do this work here at Annunciation.

Front Door Fobs

The front door fobs have been reprogrammed. If you have difficulty with your fob, please be in touch with Bill Hagan.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee meets on August 10th at 7:00 pm. Speak with Deb Gallinger or Kelsey Hodges if you have any questions.



Annual Golf Outing

The annual parish golf outing will be held on Sunday August 21 at 12:30 pm at Heather Ridge Golf Course in Gurnee

The cost is \$31/ golfer and includes a power cart. Walkers will only pay \$22/golfer.

This is a fun outing, non golfers are very welcome. We will be playing a best ball/scramble format. There will be

unbelievable prizes!

Food and beverage will be available, the course has a variety of food options.

There is a sign up on the communications board. Friends of the parish are welcome!

You can also email Stan Gallinger (srga@aol.com) to sign up or for any questions.

Lunch Bunch

Our next Lunch Bunch outing will be on **Friday, August 26th at RJ's Eatery in Lindenhurst at 12:00pm**. We will be seated in the screened-in patio overlooking the lake. Those who would like to come but have not yet responded can text Sue LaMagdeleine at 224-627-7387. Hope to enjoy the afternoon with all.

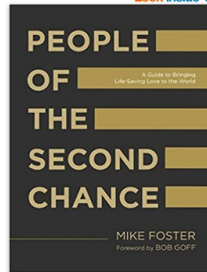
Consecration of Bishop-elect Paula Clark

The date for the consecration of Bishop-elect Clark is September 17, 2022. Each congregation has been allotted 8 in-person tickets for this event, with clergy being included in that count. As of today, Sunday, **we have 7 tickets available**. These will be first come, first served. Please email Pastor Jenni if you would like to attend. **The deadline for reservations will be August 11th at 12:00pm.**

12@12 Service

Our service continues on Tuesdays at Noon in the Chapel. We will begin our new study with the book *People of the Second Chance* by Mike Foster.

Click [here](#) for a link to purchase.



Community Meals at Christ Church, Waukegan

Our first team is set to assist New Hope AMC on Sunday August 14. Consider joining September 4 or October 9.

About Community Meal at Christ Church CECW started this ministry 40 years ago "To provide sustenance to our neighbors with compassion, patience, and dignity." Annunciation will send a team of 4 or 5 persons each month to help make Community Meal a success? Our team will work with either the New Hope UMC team or Christ Church team to package and distribute a fresh cooked meal to guests.

From Deacon Anne: I participated in this ministry while serving at Christ Church. It was a joyful and rewarding experience. I am very excited about being part of this ministry again. You can read more about this ministry at https://www.christchurchwaukegan.org/community_meal

If you interested or would like more information, please contact Deacon Anne: deacon.annunciation@gmail.com, 815-245-4088.



EfM Groups Begin in September and January

Education for Ministry (EfM), a four-year adult formation program developed by the School of Theology at the University of the South, is recruiting for the 2022-2023 year. EfM provides lay people with a theological education that supports their faith and helps them to connect that faith to their daily lives. The facilitator-led program is flexible and portable, with groups meeting around the U.S. and globally.

Several EfM groups in the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago have openings beginning in September and January. [Learn more](#) and contact the nearest EfM group for details.



Parish Life Corner

Now that the Parish News is back, we have to catch up on some coffee hour thanks. Carol and Dan Sluga hosted coffee hour on July 24; thank you so much. We had two separate people who were going to host July 31 but both of them ended up sick so we just had coffee and lemonade. It worked out okay. This week, August 7, Sue LaMagdeleine will

be hosting. Thank you, Sue.

We do not have anyone signed up for August 21 or September 18 so please check your calendars and sign up. Remember, you can click at the bottom of this article to get to Sign Up Genius and put your name in OR you can just sign up on the paper copy on the Sign Up wall and I will put it into Sign Up Genius for you.

Things are beginning to ramp up for the picnic on August 28. We will be signing up for the various categories of foods using the rolling white board again this year. So you can start

thinking about what you would want to bring, here are the categories plus the helpers we will need:

- Meats
- Condiments
- Buns
- Pasta salads
- Vegetables
- Miscellaneous
- Desserts
- Decorating crew
- Serving crew
- Clean up crew

I will be putting a finer point on each of these categories when I set out the white board on August 7. So start thinking picnic, Picnic, PICNIC.

I will definitely need set up, serving and cleanup crews since three of my normal go-to people will be out of town. So, please sign up to bring something and sign up to help on one of those crews. Out of necessity, this will be a simpler picnic this year. The worship service will be inside along with the food. We will be able to eat either outside or inside which ever you would like. The Hagans will be running Bingo again this year. Thank you, Hagans, Bingo is such fun!!!!

If you have any questions about the picnic or would like to sign up for coffee hour and need help, please see Miriam Berry or Andrea Lindblad.

[To sign up to host coffee hour, please click here.](#)



Mah Jongg at Annunciation

Mah Jongg has continued on with lots of excitement in July. On July 28, we had two full tables of players with lots of wins. Bob Coates has started a new trend in fashion. He wore a tee shirt that said "Mah Jong time" and had some of the tiles on it. We looked up what Amazon has to offer and a few of us have ordered shirts as well. Watch for a picture of our shirts soon.

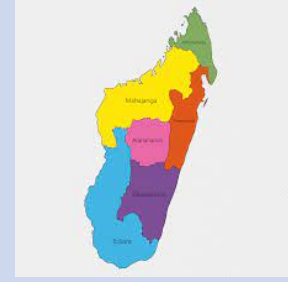
It is now time to crown our winners for July. Annabelle Jennings (a neighbor of Linda Gigiano's and mine) "Mahj-ed" 5 times in July. Jane Penticoff and Susan O'Morchoe each won 4 times, Deb Gallinger won 3 times, Terry Mathews (another neighbor) won twice and Linda Gigiano and I each won once. So, although it is a frustrating game at times (where ARE those Jokers???) these win numbers show you can win and win often as well.

Other people are bringing friends/neighbors along now so we are getting to play with other people and see what their strategies are. Linda brought her son last week and after watching for one game he started playing and almost won a game. See, you can do it too!!!

Remember, we bring our lunches, meet at noon and have a nice time eating together and talking. After we are done eating, we begin play. We are normally done around 3 PM or 3:30. We occasionally have someone stop in for lunch but not play, so even if all you want to do is kibbutz for a little while, come on over.

To reiterate what I wrote a couple weeks ago, I know it sounds like we have settled in with the same people each week and it could be a bit scary to join now. Please don't feel like that. We have a plan for new people joining us. We will have the more senior players stay together and will have the instructors play with the new people to get them up to speed. We really want to build this group into a mighty Mah Jongg force. It's a great game and keeps our brains working really well. So, come join us.

Madagascar Happenings



A few weeks ago, I told you that the clergy of the Diocese of Toliara met with Archbishop James Wong, the Archbishop of the Anglican Province of the Indian Ocean. They created an Archdeanery encompassing Anosy and Androy areas and the headquarters will be in Fort Dauphin. The Rev. Canon Donne is the new archdeacon. From an email I received from him this week, the official installation will be in November and will not only include him but also two deacons and a priest. Sue and I are not sure who the deacons and priest will be as yet. Rev. Donne has invited us to join them on Zoom for this installation. It will be very interesting but will also be in the middle of the night for us.

Rev. Donne also says that they are going to finally become a missionary diocese which is what they originally wanted to be. Todd McGregor's title was Missionary Bishop when he became bishop there. In order to do this, they are now looking for an assistant bishop to help Bishop Samy. No one has been named and I am not sure they are even doing a search yet.

Rev. Donne also reports that the children we sponsor are all doing well. He says, "They are very active, only one did not change classes. They are very active in learning the scriptures, they are also active in taking responsibility in the church."

Back To School happens in Madagascar just like it does here in September. I thought it would be good to refresh your memories on what child sponsorship is.

You have noticed the pictures of the 20 kids on the wall in the parish hall. These are "Our Kids", all 20 of them. We currently have 17 parishioners sponsoring 20 kids' educations in our Link Parish of Fort Dauphin.

TOLIARA CHILD is the child sponsorship program run by the Diocese of Toliara in Madagascar of which Fort Dauphin was a district overseen by the Rev. Canon Donne. It is now part of the new Archdeanery and is now overseen by Archdeacon Donne. (His picture is in the left hand corner of the picture board.) Bishop Samy's (his picture is in the right hand corner of the picture board) wife, Neny Holy, runs the sponsorship program for the Diocese along with Rev. Nolavy.

You can sponsor a child for \$25 per month which will make such a huge difference in the lives of these children. Most Malagasy people have less than 8 years of education, malnutrition is a way of life making the people small in stature and having an average life span of 56 years. By providing greater educational options for the children, the cycle of poverty and malnutrition can be broken thus enhancing their quality of life.

The \$25 pays for:

School enrollment and tuition fees

School supplies

School uniforms

Both public and private schools have enrollment and tuition fees and require school uniforms. In many schools, the teacher is the only one with a book and everything has to be written down so notebooks, pens, pencils, etc. are a great need.

Rev. Donne said in his email, "There are still five children who are in need and need to be helped." If it is possible for you to sponsor one of these children, you would be doing such a wonderful service to that child. Perhaps you and another parishioner could go together to sponsor a child. They are all so cute, as you can see, and deserve better than the life they are destined for without an education.

If you are interested in more information or in becoming a sponsor, please contact Miriam Berry.

P.S. I have brought back more fabric to be washed and ironed for the Days for Girls project. I will have the bags of fabric and instructions available next week.

P.P.S. We are working on a date for Sue and Simon Babbs from Northfield to come up and

do an Adult Forum. These are Jane Schaefer's and my friends who have been to Madagascar at least 4 times. As soon as we have a date, we will let you know so you can be sure to be there. As you have read, many things have changed since COVID hit and we need to be up to date on all of it.

[To visit the website for the Diocese of Toliara, click on the image above.](#)

Printer Cartridge Recycling

I just sent in 139 empty printer cartridges for recycling. I have no idea how much money the recycling company will pay us but check back in a few weeks and see.

In case you don't know about the recycling program, there is a company in California to which I sent the cartridges. They refill them, put their own labeling on the outside and sell them on their website. They send us a check for all the cartridges that they can use.

By doing this we receive some money for Outreach programs AND keep the plastic out of the landfills. WIN/WIN seems to me.

There is a box in the Parish Hall labeled for printer cartridges. Please put yours in there and I will take care of sending them in.

I have several neighbors saving them for me as well; see if your neighbors will do the same.

If you have any questions, please contact Miriam Berry.

Healing Prayer

A minister will be in the chapel during communion to offer in-person socially distanced prayer. Their number will also continue to be posted on the Annunciation Connected at Home FB page and in the bulletin for those who are attending church remotely.

The minister for **August 7** is:
Damaso Hodges



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The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 2022 9:00am

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Thursday Morning Prayer: 8:30am

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Friday Morning Prayer: 8:30am

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Surgery? New birth? If you need a little help with supper, contact Samantha Robison:
Robison.Samantha@yahoo.com

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